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SUBJECT: US-FRENCH NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION DISCUSSIONS:
AMBASSADOR GERALD SMITH'S VISIT TO PARIS

REF: (A) NOSENZO-SALMON TELCON OF JUNE 29; (B) GAMMON-
BARBOUR TELCON OF JUNE 30

1. PER REQUEST MADE THROUGH REF A, THURSDAY MORNING,
JUNE 30, I ASKED THE ELYSEE, FRANCOIS-PONCET, FOR AN
APPOINTMENT FOR AMBASSADOR SMITH WITH THE PRESIDENT
ON JUNE 7 OR 8. FRANCOIS-PONCET'S INITIAL REACTION WAS
THAT THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WOULD APPEAR
TO BE THE MORE APPROPRIATE CONTACT, BUT HE WOULD CHECK
OUT THE POSSIBILITIES FOR THE REQUESTED APPOINTMENT.

2. AS REPORTED REF B, FRANCOIS-PONCET ADVISED LATE
THURSDAY THAT THERE WAS NOT TIME AVAILABLE JUNE 7 OR 8.
A NUMBER OF THINGS ARE ALREADY SCHEDULED FOR THE
PRESIDENT ON JUNE 7 AND HE IS TO GIVE A SPEECH ON
JUNE 8 AND MUST SPEND TIME WORKING ON IT DURING THAT
DAY.

3. COMMENT: GOF DECISIONS ON THIS SUBECT ARE MADE
AT THE PRESIDENTIAL LEVEL. HOWEVER, IT WOULD APPEAR
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THAT GISCARD MAY PREFER TO HAVE TIME TO CONSIDER
ALTERNATIVES WITH HIS ADVISERS AFTER HAVING RESULTS
OF NEGOTIATIONS REFERRED TO HIM RATHER THAN MAKE ON-
THE-SPOT DECISIONS.

4. ACTION: WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON WHETHER WE
SHOULD REQUEST SAME APPOINTMENT FOR A LATER

DATE OR AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER FOR
THE JUNE 7-8 PERIOD. GAMMON

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